

Singing Cadets To Appear Next on Town Hall Stage

Appearance To Be First in This Area Under Club's New Director, Euell Porter

The A. & M. College Singing Cadets will make their first appearance under their new director, Euell Porter on Town Hall, December 14.

Porter replaces Richard Jenkins, who recently left for a new position at N.T.A.C. Porter, for the past six years, has been music director for the public school system in Bryan. He will continue this connection, working there in the mornings and carrying on his work with the Singing Cadets in the afternoons. Porter's home is in Bryan and he will continue his residence there.

The Singing Cadets will also make their first appearance on the campus this semester when they are presented on Town Hall by the Students Activities Office of the A. & M. College. This will be the last opportunity for local audience to listen to this widely acclaimed organization for the close of their 1943 season that evening. During the past semester the Singing Cadets have made several tours of the principal cities of Texas and wherever they have gone they have been received with wide acclaim.

All are urged to make future plans to attend this concert by the Singing Cadets which is expected to be one of the best this season. Tickets for this concert will be available in the near future the Student Activity Office has announced the date being announced in a future issue.

Many Turn Out For Yell Practice And Bonfire Wednesday

A crowd of 3,500 people were out last Wednesday night to see the annual pre-Thanksgiving Day bon-fire being set off. The pile of trash, lumber, logs, and other inflammable material was lighted by a dozen freshman, who threw torches on the heap simultaneously at 7:30 p. m.

The bon-fire caught slowly, but fanned by a strong wind it was soon sending its licking flames 75 feet in the air. Many agree that this was a very successful fire—the pile reached the height of fifty-odd feet in the last stages of building. High above the body pile reached a pole atop which was placed a barrel.

Following the setting off of the bon-fire a yell practice was held. Aggies, visiting exes, local citizens, and Texas students heard Coach Homer Norton, other coaches, scouts, and members of the team speak in stirring phrases of the coming battle. All of these words and yells were recorded and then broadcast by shortwave to alumni in the armed forces overseas just before the broadcast of the game began.

No reports have been received as yet as to the effect of the broadcast across the ocean, but from appearances at this end it should have stirred something down deep in the soul of every Aggie-ex who heard it. There should be some reports of an upswing in morale among the American armies due to the effect of such a presentation.

Sponsors Bazaar and Tea Thurs., Dec. 2nd

The St. Thomas Guild of the local Episcopal Church is sponsoring an Apron Bazaar and Tea on Thursday, December 2, in the lounge of the YMCA. This woman's auxiliary has many useful Christmas gifts which will be on sale from 2 until 6 o'clock on that date.

The proceeds of the sale will be used in the further development of church activities of the community. Residents of the city, Aggies, and servicemen are cordially invited to attend the bazaar and purchase many useful Christmas gifts.

Christmas Holidays Remain Unchanged

In answer to the many rumors extending the Christmas holidays through January 1, in order to permit Aggies to attend the Orange Bowl game in Miami on that day, the same holidays as announced at the beginning of the semester will remain unchanged.

The Christmas holidays will be from December 18-23, it was announced through the Office of the Commandant Monday afternoon, and there will be no extension of these dates.

Academy of Science Has Annual Meeting In Austin, Texas

Girls Predominate Meeting Taking All Office For Year

The results of the meeting of the Texas Academy of Science were released to the Battalion today by C. C. Doak, Sponsor of the United Science Club of A. & M. Doak informed us that our local United Science Club is affiliated with the Collegiate Division of the Texas Academy of Science, and only a year ago won most of the prizes which were rewarded by that organization. However, last week there was only one paper entered from A. & M. But since the contest feature has been suspended for the duration no prize money was awarded.

Thirty or forty young people took part in the meeting which included a business meeting, a conducted tour of the museum, breakfast together, and a program consisting of several scientific papers, most of which were of high quality.

Despite the curtailment of science club work at A. & M., work in this line has increased three hundred percent throughout the nation since the war. This is due to the great number of young ladies who have become interested in work of this type. This fact is reflected by the number of young ladies present at the Austin Meeting and since all the officers elected for the coming year were young ladies.

The meeting place for next year was decided upon to be Galveston. The meeting next year should be most interesting since a tour through the Texas University Medical School is planned. Pre-Med students should be interested particularly since most of these students plan to attend the Medical School at Galveston.

Four Aggies Are In Flying School

Four youths from A. & M. have reported to the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School for Pilots at Maxwell Field Alabama, to begin the third phase of their training as pilots in the U. S. Army Air Forces' expanding program.

These aviation cadets are receiving nine weeks of intensive physical, military and academic instruction at Maxwell Field, preparatory to beginning their actual flight training at one of the many primary flying schools located in the Army Air Forces Eastern Flying Training Command.

These men are Aviation Cadets William R. Aven who attended A. & M. in 1942-43; Roy M. Kenedy, Jr., 1942-43; Daniel R. Lamberston, 1942-43 and Richard A. Peterson, 1942-43.



GENERAL REVEILLE—Pictured above is Reveille, the mascot of the Texas Aggies. She is being admired by two Aggies, Leon Mogford (at the back of Rev) and Bob Orrick.

Portrait of Reveille To Be Displayed in Library

Hometown Clubs Will Meet Wed.

Several hometown A. & M. Clubs, now being reorganized this semester are open to membership of both student and activated Aggies.

The Laredo Club met two weeks ago for the first meeting of the current semester and made plans for the annual Christmas dance. Leon Greenblum was elected president.

The Jefferson County Club will meet Wednesday night at 7:00 p. m., in room 205 of the Academic Building. Plans for a Christmas dance and election of officers will take place. All Jefferson County boys are urged to attend.

The Wichita Falls Hometown Club will also meet on Wednesday at 7:00 p. m., in room 216 of the Academic Building. The Christmas Dance plans will be discussed and election of officers will take place.

Spirit That Is Aggeland Expressed By A Serviceman of Another State

(Editor's Note: The following article, written by a serviceman from New York, will stop many of the Aggies from saying that the Spirit of Aggeland has not become a part of the servicemen who are stationed on the campus. No one, if he stays on the campus for very long, will leave without a part of the Aggie Spirit going with him.)

By Julius Bloom

Mordantly, an evening ago, the damp, heavy wind took hold of the flesh in my nose and around my eyes. This, added to the already logy, sluggish pain in my head, decided the taking of the shortest route home. That path lay in cutting off the road to the Project House Area, and walking by Kyle Field.

Whatever promoted it cannot be said, but on this night, I thought it might be advisable to enter into the field and walk through the stands. Perhaps the idea sprang from the thrill I have received upon entering into an empty theatre. Or, again, it might well have been one of those inevitabilities that so often lead one to rush in where angels would not be seen that coincidence no longer describes the occurrence.

There I was, anyway, past the main gate, and walking through the fogged air toward the greyness that was Kyle on that night. As I say, something attracted me toward the ramp leading into the stadium, and I walked up, feeling a tingle on the back of my neck, like when the Anthem is played at Retreat.

Fear cannot be the emotion, for if it was, I am sure that I would have turned, and gone by the long way. Apprehension was part of it, a sort of taking the bit into my teeth. There was no bravado, but a simple walking ahead into an unknown. Either sweat or the damp air glued the wool shirt I wore across my back and on my shoulders.

And there I was in the Field. The hump-clump, hump-clump of my shoes on the damp flooring thudded back and across the stadium from the heels of my shoes, into the opaque greyness that clouded the other side, then back behind me. As I walked, I looked about and behind, not certain that I was alone. You may know what the feeling is on a dead, still street in the early morning hours.

Something closed in on me, and there was no distinguishing the ramp entrances to the side of the level I walked on. It was nothing supernatural, just the fog. Still, I walked and felt people around me. And suddenly, I knew what I was refusing to think. This was the scene of the glory

Wilkie's One World To Be Featured At Hillel Club Meet

Second Open Forum Lecture Will Be On Sunday; Hesse Speaks

The second of the Series of Open Forum lectures, under the auspices of the A. & M. Hillel Club will be held Sunday evening, December 5th, when C. J. Hesse, Curator of the Museum, will discuss Wilkie's One World. This book which gives Wendell Wilkie's personal account of his 31,000 mile trip, and his plea for an understanding of the shrunken world in which we now live has been acclaimed as the number one non-fiction book by the American reading public. Says Raymond Clapper, "No person in public life can afford not to be familiar with what Wilkie has to say." John Gunter calls it a "must" book for every living American. Hesse will reinforce Wilkie's political one world by geographical and geological data bearing out the same theory. Henry Wallace's theory of The Common Man will also be part of the discussion.

Though under the auspices of the Hillel Club, the series are intended for the student body, the Servicemen, and College, and Bryan Communities.

The meeting will be held at the Lounge Room of Sbsa Hall, starting at 7 P. M. Members of the club are requested to come at 6:30 for a business meeting preceding the lecture.

New Supply of Candy Available For Dorms

The Student Activities Office has a new supply of candy for those students who have candy concessions in the various dormitories. These salesmen are asked to come by the Student Activities office for their fresh supply.

Only those students who now have candy concessions are asked to apply for candy; no new concessions are needed to sell candy in the dorms. These salesmen should come by the office at the earliest date, as the supply is limited.

A.I.Ch.E. Meeting

The A. & M. Chapter of The American Institute of Chemical Engineers will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday night in the Geology Lecture Room. Mr. Horsely, Head of the Student Placement Bureau will speak on "A College Senior Seeks A Job." All students and servicemen are urged to attend.

First of Sunday Service Shows Proves Big Success

Performance Broadcast Over WTAW; Script Written by Holman, Produced by Gottlieb

Meeting with the acclaim and approval of the theatre audience as well as the listening audience of Station WTAW, the first in the series of Sunday afternoon All-Service Shows was broadcast from the stage of Guion Hall theatre last Sunday afternoon, featuring the Navy orchestra. The performance went on the air over the college radio station at 3:00 o'clock and lasted for half an hour.

The first broadcast Sunday afternoon introduced Harold Riefer, comedian, in the role of Joe Snafu "the dumbest rookie in the army," and featured Tom Journeay, Richard Gottlieb, Dick Bolin and Harry Dillingham on the announcing staff. The scrip was written and prepared by John Holman and the production was under the supervision of Gottlieb.

The Navy Orchestra featuring Joe Guinaw as vocalist was presented through the co-operation of Lt. Ted Rickenbacker, special service officer of the Naval Training Station located here on the campus.

This regular Sunday broadcast is styled to be a weekly feature of Station WTAW and Guion Hall and will each Sunday present programs made up of talent from the various branches of service on the campus of the college. Stationed here are men from the Navy, Marines, Army, Air Corps, and the programs will include the Texas Aggies.

The next program to be presented by the regular Sunday All-Service Show will be at 3 o'clock next Sunday afternoon when "A Battle of Bands" will be staged at Guion Hall. This program will feature the Navy Orchestra and the ASTP orchestra which has been recently organized on the campus. Additional information relative to this program will be announced through the columns of the Battalion during the week.

Member of Class of '32 Killed in Italy

Lt. J. O. Beasley, 34, was killed in action in Italy, September 12, 1943, according to information received at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station from his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Wagner Beasley, of Carroll, Ohio. Lt. Beasley was a reserve officer and entered active service in March, 1942, as a First Lieutenant in the Infantry but later transferred to the Chemical Warfare Service.

Lt. Beasley received his Bachelor's degree at Texas A. & M. in 1932; his Master of Science degree in 1934; and his Doctor's degree in 1939 from Harvard University. He was Cytogeneticist with the Division of Agronomy of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station from 1932 until he entered military service in 1942, except for a period from 1936 to 1939 when he was working toward his Doctor's degree at Harvard, and for a short time when he was connected with the Bureau of Plant Industry at Raleigh, North Carolina. Dr. Beasley specialized in the plant sciences, particularly in genetics and cytogenetics.

So far as is known, Dr. Beasley was the first scientist to use the drug colchicine as a means of doubling the number of chromosomes in cotton, and by the use of colchicine he obtained fertile hybrids between many species, which when previously crossed produced only sterile hybrids. Dr. Beasley's discoveries opened up a new field of approach in cotton breeding. He is survived by his wife, a small son, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Beasley of Wells, Texas, and five sisters.

Camera Club to Meet

There will be a meeting of the Camera Club in the tower of the Petroleum building, Wednesday at 7 o'clock. A special program has been arranged so all interested are urged to be present.

Expectant Draftees May Expect Help as Military Students

Armed Forces Institute Of Wisconsin Serves As Clearing House

College students expecting to be drafted and those who are already in the armed forces might file this away for future reference.—Announced here this week was the establishment of the U. S. Armed Forces Institute at Madison, Wisconsin, as a central clearing house of information on college credit for military experience. At the request of any person in the armed forces or a person recently discharged from service, the Institute will assemble all information on his—or her—service activities of an educational nature. It will also transmit such information to the school or college of the individual's choice.

Meanwhile, the nation's colleges have agreed on some basic points about post-war education.—If the colleges have their way, servicemen and women returning to college campuses after the war will be granted scholarships to study (See TRAFTEES, Page 3)

Aggies Appointed To Active Service

Edwin B. Law, 19, son of Mrs. Josephine L. Law of 107 Rowland Drive, Tyler, has been recently appointed a Naval Aviation Cadet and has been transferred to the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Fla., for intermediate flight training. Law, an ex-Aggie, attended A. & M. two years prior to his entrance into the Naval Air Corps.

Learning at the Southwest Louisiana Institute here to become a hard-fighting Leather neck officer is Robert Stanley Hackney, who attended A. & M. one year prior to his entrance. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hackney, 2047 West Summit Street, San Antonio.